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## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency Name:</b>	Board of Corrections
<b>VAC Chapter Number:</b>	6 VAC 15-70-10 et seq.
<b>Regulation Title:</b>	Standards for Community Residential Programs
<b>Action Title:</b>	Review and update operational and management standards for group home halfway houses or other physically unrestricting facilities used for the housing, treatment or care of adult offenders.
<b>Date:</b>	7/24/00

Where a regulation is exempt in part or in whole from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (§ 9-6.14:1 et seq. of the *Code of Virginia*) (APA), the agency may provide information pertaining to the action to be included on the Regulatory Town Hall. The agency must still comply the requirements of the Virginia Register Act (§ 9-6.18 et seq. of the *Code of Virginia*) and file the final regulation with the Registrar in a style and format conforming with the *Virginia Register Form, Style and Procedure Manual*. The agency must also comply with Executive Order Fifty-Eight (99) which requires an assessment of the regulation's impact on the institution of the family and family stability.

**Note agency actions exempt pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(B)** do not require filing with the Registrar a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action, or at the proposed stage. When the regulation is promulgated and submitted to the Registrar, the agency need only provide a statement citing the specific Virginia Code section referencing the exemption and an authority certification letter from the Attorney General's Office. No specific format is required.

This form should be used for actions **exempt from the Administrative Process Act pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(C)** at the final stage. Note that agency actions exempt pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(C) of the APA do not require filing with the Registrar a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action, and at the proposed stage.

### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or the regulation being repealed. There is no need to state each provision or amendment or restate the purpose and intent of the regulation, instead give a summary of the regulatory action and alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

The Virginia Board of Corrections, in accordance with Section 53.1-5 of the Code of Virginia, has voted to amend the "Standards for Community Residential Programs". The amended

standards provide additional guidance in the hiring of certain ex-offenders; require a documented plan of corrective action for sanitation, health or fire deficiencies; increase the medical examination requirement for food service personnel from initially to once every 12 months after the time of hire; and require weekly inspections of all food service areas.

### Statement of Final Agency Action

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including the date the action was taken, the name of the agency taking the action, and the title of the regulation.*

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On July 12, 2000, the Virginia Board of Corrections voted to amend the regulation entitled "Standards for Community Residential Programs" (6 VAC 15-70-10 et seq.). The amendment of 6 VAC 15-70-10 et seq. is exempt from the Administrative Process Act under Sections 9-6.14.4.1.B 9&10 and 9-6.14:4.1.C.2 of the Code of Virginia.

### Family Impact Statement

*Please provide an analysis of the regulatory action that assesses the impact on the institution of the family and family stability including the extent to which the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.*

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This regulatory action reflects amended internal procedures that will have no impact on the authority and rights of parents, economic self-sufficiency, marital commitment or family income.